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pox for the past three weeks, and it looks as if the threatened epidemic has been effectually stamped out.

During the week 5 vessels have been inspected and issued bills of health, and 43 health certificates issued to passengers for Cuba and the United States.

As health certificates are no longer required at the quarantine station in New York I will stop issuing them for that port.

The disinfection and inspection of baggage at this port will be continued until the yellow fever ceases.

Respectfully,

SAML. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Plague in Manila—Vital statistics for September, 1900.

MANILA, P. I., *October 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that 3 cases of plague occurred in Manila, P. I., during the week ended October 20, 1900. Two resulted in death, and 2 Chinese and 1 Filipino were affected.

During this period and the following week, there were found a large number of dead rats, an examination of which demonstrated that they had died from plague. The marked increase in the epidemic among rats shows that numerous centers of infection exist, and a continuance of plague during the next two months, with a marked increase in the spring, is to be expected. There is every indication that there will be an epidemic during the ensuing year of much greater severity than that now subsiding.

The total number of deaths from all causes during this period was 222.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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[Inclosure.]

Report of deaths in the city of Manila, P. I., from September 1 to September 30, 1900.

CLASS "A"—GENERAL DISEASES.

Specific febrile (zymotic)—		Septic—	
Bubonic plague	8	Puerperal septicæmia.....	1
Cerebro-spinal meningitis.....	2	Pyemia	1
Diphtheria	1	Tetanus.....	2
Influenza	15	Trismus.....	14
Malarial fevers—		Parasitic, thrush.....	1
Intermittent.....	13	Dietetic—	
Remittent.....	4	Malnutrition	8
Continued.....	3	Inanition.....	2
Pernicious.....	6	Scurvy.....	1
Cachexia	2	Constitutional—	
Typhoid fever	7	Anæmia.....	1
Diarrheal—		Beriberi.....	43
Cholera infantum	2	Carcinoma—	
Diarrhea, acute.....	5	Womb	2
Diarrhea, chronic	3	Stomach	2
Dysentery, acute.....	20	Neck	1
Dysentery chronic.....	19	Diabetes	1
Veneral, syphilis, acquired	1	Leucocythemia	1

CLASS "A"—Continued.		CLASS "B"—Continued.	
Constitutional—Continued.		Respiratory system—Continued.	
Rheumatism.....	10	Laryngitis, acute.....	15
Leprosy.....	6	Laryngitis, chronic.....	2
Ricketts.....	3	Pseudo-diphtheria.....	1
Tuberculosis, pulmonary.....	95	Pleurisy, acute.....	2
Tuberculosis, meningeal.....	2	Pneumonia.....	5
Developmental—		Pulmonary congestion.....	5
Cardiac malformation.....	9	Digestive system—	
Marasmus, infantile.....	9	Appendicitis.....	
Marasmus, senile.....	5	Enteritis, acute.....	10
Premature and still births.....	8	Enteritis, chronic.....	26
Senility.....	5	Entero colitis, acute.....	6
		Entero colitis, chronic.....	26
		Gastric ulcer.....	1
		Gastritis, acute.....	9
		Gastritis, chronic.....	12
		Gastro-enteritis, acute.....	17
		Gastro-enteritis, chronic.....	9
		Hernia (strangulated).....	1
		Abscess of liver.....	1
		Cirrhosis of liver.....	2
		Intestinal catarrh.....	1
		Urinary system—	
		Interstitial nephritis, acute.....	5
		Interstitial nephritis, chronic.....	3
		Reproductive system—	
		Eclampsia, puerperal.....	2
		Hemorrhage, post partum.....	1
		Peritonitis, puerperal.....	1
		Disease of the uterus, metritis....	3
		Osseous and integumentary—	
		Gangrene.....	1
		Carbuncle.....	1
CLASS "B"—LOCAL DISEASES.		CLASS "C."	
Nervous System—		Burning.....	1
Apoplexy.....	51	Drowning.....	3
Cerebral congestion.....	12	Homicide.....	3
Convulsions, infantile.....	221	Electricity.....	1
Eclampsia, not puerperal.....	44	Crushing.....	2
Encephalitis and cerebritis.....	5	Total number of deaths from all causes during month.....	1,027
Hydrocephalus.....	1		
Insanity.....	1		
Locomotor ataxia.....	2		
Meningitis, cerebral.....	45		
Meningitis, spinal.....	2		
Morphinism.....	1		
Myelitis.....	2		
Neurasthenia.....	2		
Progressive muscular atrophy.....	1		
Circulatory system—			
Angina pectoris.....	16		
Arterio sclerosis.....	6		
Embolism, pulmonary.....	1		
Hypertrophy of heart.....	3		
Endocarditis.....	14		
Pericarditis.....	3		
Fatty degeneration.....	3		
Mitral, valvular insufficiency.....	1		
Respiratory system—			
Asthma.....	2		
Bronchitis, acute.....	73		
Bronchitis, chronic.....	20		
Croup, catarrhal.....	2		
Number of deaths with medical attendance.....			230
Number of deaths without medical attendance.....			797
Total.....			1,027
DEATHS BY NATIONALITIES.			
Filipinos.....	966	Australian.....	1
Americans.....	1	Chinese.....	51
Spaniards.....	7		
Portuguese.....	1	Total.....	1,027
Number of deaths over 5 years of age.....			418
Number of deaths under 5 years of age.....			609
Total.....			1,027

Services rendered by municipal doctors.

District.	Patients visited.	Certificates.	
		Death.	Birth.
Intramuros.....	24	22	5
Binondo.....	4	33	0
Quiapo and San Miguel.....	26	96	1
Santa Cruz.....	14	90	0
Sampoloc.....	11	96	0
Ermita and Malate.....	20	68	3
Tondo, North.....	21	119	47
Tondo, South.....	19	99	38
San Nicholas.....	13	82	5
Pandacan.....	33	37	12
Paco.....	61	65	14
	249	807	125

Services rendered by municipal midwives.—Birth certificates issued.

Intramuros.....	5	Ermita and Malate.....	18
Binondo.....	1	Quiapo.....	40
San Nicholas.....	11	Tondo.....	0
Paco.....	25		
Total.....			100

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., November 26, 1900.

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended November 24, 1900.

The provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Cuban ports, was held in quarantine on the 18th instant to detain some nonimmunes from Cuba. All immune passengers and those from Santo Domingo were allowed to land. The steamer sailed the same day from San Juan, taking the detained people with her.

Nothing further of interest has occurred in quarantine or sanitary lines.

Respectfully,

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Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended November 24, 1900.

PONCE, P. R., November 26, 1900.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended November 24, 1900: November 18, provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Cuba and St. Domingo, with 5 immigrants.

Respectfully,

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